Publication of an Eagle Ford Shale Restoration Management Bulletin

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Restoration of native habits affected by the production and transport of Eagle Ford Shale (EFS) oil and gas resources is an important conservation issue. Since 2008 when the production potential of the EFS was discovered by Petrohawk, effects of energy exploration on wildlife habitat have been significant. Landowners and many in the energy industry have placed emphasis on minimizing impacts to native habitats and wildlife, and on restoring native plant communities. Since the early days of exploration and infrastructure development in the EFS, the *South Texas Natives* Project and Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute have played an important role in conducting research to provide restoration solutions.

In 2019, we began to summarize this body of research into a management bulletin. This bulletin will provide information to landowners and industry operators in an easy-to-use format. It outlines typical restoration scenarios in the EFS and provides concise actions based on objective research. This bulletin will be updated as new knowledge is generated by ongoing projects.

We hope the publication of this bulletin will provide common sense solutions and be a source of common ground between operators and landowners from which to implement native plant restoration to benefit South Texas wildlife. Restoration of EFS disturbances will be a critical conservation topic for decades to come. Online publication of the bulletin is scheduled for early 2020.

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